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ROUND TABLE

THURSDAY, March 6 -- Clubrooms, 1475 Broadway
5:30 to 7:30 PM -- Members: \$1; Guests: \$1.50

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THE RIGHTS OF ULTRA-NATIONALISM IN THE MIDDLE EAST

by

HIS EXCELLENCY ABBA A. EBAN
Ambassador of Israel to the United States

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Featuring the brilliant, young Israeli diplomat in an informed talk on his nation's policy in regard to Nationalist ambitions in the Near East, this Roundtable discussion will be led by Brig. Cyril D. Quilliam, for many years London Times correspondent in the Middle East and deputy chief of British Military Intelligence in Cairo during the war.

Also participating will be several Members of the Overseas Press Club recently returned from the Middle East.

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NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN, TO BE AIRMAILED TO ALL OVERSEAS MEMBERS, WILL INCLUDE BALLOTS FOR THE 1952 ANNUAL AWARDS. PLEASE RETURN YOUR BALLOT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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AP columnist HAL BOYLE guests on "Who Said That." over NBC-TV March 3 ... "What Do We Mean by Freedom?" was discussed at a Freedom House luncheon at the Town Hall Club on February 26 by EDGAR ANSEL MOWRER ... EMIL LENGYEL talked on "The Social Impact of Israel on the Middle East" before a meeting of the Israel Histadrut Associates on February 26 ... Club congratulations to Past President LOUIS P. LOCHNER, who celebrated his 65th birthday last week.

Happy news is that PAULINE FREDERICK is recovering from virus pneumonia... JOHN GOETTE tapped to make the 51st Annual Washington's Birthday address at historic Tarrytown, N.Y. His topic: "Our Korean Valley Forge" ... The DONALD ROBINSONS scheduled to return home from Europe March 18 ...

New arrival from Cleveland in New York this week is HAL LEHRMAN, who told tall Balkan tales to the Cleveland Purchasing Agents Association. The stopover was on the home-stretch of a five-week coast-to-coast lecture tour via Louisville, Chicago, San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Oakland, Sacramento, Portland, Seattle, Houston, New Orleans and Miami ... JESSIE STEARNS is currently writing a summary of the hearings being held by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee investigating the Institute of Pacific Relations ...

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Two new battle commemorative stamps soon to be issued by the Turkish Government carry photos by Life's CARL MYDANS of Turkish soldiers in Korea. One depicts a gunner and a refugee girl, while the other is of a Turkish medical officer ... HAYNES THOMPSON, former UPer in Madrid and Paris, is "rediscovering" the South. He's joined his father and brother in their phosphate business after spending six years in Paris ... GREGOR ZIEMER a recent visitor to Club Headquarters from Philadelphia ...

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"This...Is MURROW", an article about CBS commentator EDWARD R. MURROW, appears in the current issue of Look magazine. Author is another OPCer, LEONORE SILVIAN, who describes MURROW as "suave and rough, a pessimist and an idealist, a family man and a nightclubber, an individualist and a team member" ...

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EUGENE LYONS left February 27th via TWA covered wagon for Paris. Plans to spend two months in Europe, visiting Rome, Lisbon, and Madrid, among other places HARRY ZINDER, Press Officer to the UN returned to New York this week after three and a half months in Paris where he attended sessions of the 6th General Assembly of the UN ...

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CLUB CALENDAR

Nominations Committee Meeting Clubrooms Monday, March 3, 5:30 P.M.
 Admissions Committee Meeting Clubrooms Tuesday, March 4, 6:15 P.M.
 Dinner Committee Meeting Clubrooms Wednesday, March 5, 5:30 P.M.

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: NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS :

ACTIVE: Edmund Stevens, correspondent, the Christian Science Monitor. Baltic states, 1939; Finland, 1940-1941; Balkans, 1941 to 1943; Middle East, 1943 to 1944; Russia, 1946 to 1949; Mediterranean area, 1949 to present, all for the Christian Science Monitor. Proposed by JOSEPH ROSAPEPE; seconded by JACK L. BEGON.

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS) Active and Associate Members of the OPC who enter military service
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 MEMBERS IN UNIFORM) on active duty, according to a resolution passed by the Board of
 Governors at its monthly meeting February 26. The provision takes
 effect upon the request of such Members and covers their active-duty period beginning with
 the next fiscal year following last payment of regular dues. Any Member entering military
 service and desiring such exemption are asked to communicate with Club Headquarters.

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PAST PRESIDENT WYTHE WILLIAMS HEADS NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Past President WYTHE WILLIAMS, who is also Founding President of the Overseas Press Club, was named this week by President JOHN DALY to head the Nominations Committee which will present a slate of candidates for the Club's 1952 elections. The Committee will offer nominations for OPC officerships and the Board of Governors. Voting will take place at the Annual Meeting which will be held in April.

Appointed to serve with WILLIAMS on the Nominating Committee are HAL BOYLE, BERT BRANDT, RALPH JULES FRANTZ, WAYNE RICHARDSON, CORNELIUS RYAN and OTTO TOLISCHUS. First meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, March 3rd. Nominees will be posted in next week's BULLETIN which will be sent airmail to all overseas members.

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: Broadway, New York 36, N.Y.-- thus assuring speedier delivery.
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Congratulations to HARRY BRUNDIGE, whose WPIX show "BRUNDIGE -- Crime Reports" was recently honored by the Freedoms Foundation with a 1952 award ... CBS war correspondent ROBERT PIERPOINT back in the U.S. this week for a special interview February 24 on "World News with ROBERT TROUT". PIERPOINT told the inside story of the Panmunjon cease-fire negotiations on the radio global roundup. ... A combined radio-TV team from NBC will venture into New Hampshire to cover the nation's earliest primary March 11. They will be Past President W. W. CHAPLIN, GEORGE HICKS and Leon Pearson. HICKS has just returned from the funeral of King George VI ...

Mutual's Presidential reporter WILLIAM HILLMAN has completed the manuscript for his new book, "Mr. President", which is due to hit bookstands in mid-March. A few minutes after he'd turned the completed text over to his publishers, HILLMAN arranged air passage to Hollywood -- where he'll vacation for two weeks and also originate his regular Sunday programs ...

OPC is asked to participate in a poll originated by Miss Mildred V. Budny, 6100 Forrest Avenue, Gary, Ind. She asks: "What do you consider to be the current essential questions and factors involved for possible aid in privately selecting or including subject matter for two texts entitled: 'Prelude to the Formosan Situation' and 'Formosa, Province or Nation?'" ... MBS commentator CECIL BROWN will join the network's military analyst, Maj. GEORGE FIELDING ELIOT, for Mutual's "War Front-Home Front" broadcast next Monday ...

TEMPLE FIELDING back in the U.S. briefly to attend to matters in connection with his luxury caravan of last summer. The FIELDINGS are currently living in Majorca, where the travel guide author reports domestic costs are a quarter what they are here ...

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Past President LOWELL THOMAS has discovered that the expression, "You all", so much used in the South, has a Biblical background. On a recent CBS Radio broadcast, he said that in Job 17:10, we read, "But as for you all, do ye return, and come now; for I cannot find one wise man among you." This, THOMAS commented, "could be applied to various places, nowadays" ... An exclusive interview with Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snyder formed part of H. V. KALTENBORN's talk on NBC-TV's "Today" broadcast February 20. KALTENBORN, speaking from Lisbon, quoted the Secretary as saying that "the hopes that Europe might have had as to very large contributions from the United States are going to be somewhat reduced in size" ...

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When Egyptian mobs fired Cairo's Shepheard's Hotel last month, GENE CURRIVAN of the New York Times lost a footlocker packed with evening clothes, shoes and a sports suit -- all of which he'd left at Shepheard's when he was transferred to Teheran in 1947. Meanwhile, he's tried to have the footlocker shipped after him. To no avail. And now the effort is no use ...

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ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

Dinner Chairman WILLIAM P. GRAY this week announced that the Club's Annual Awards Dinner for 1952 will be held on Wednesday, May 7, in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. GRAY also said that names of Committee appointees will be reported in The Bulletin next week.

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HONG KONG DATELINE: -- (Special to The Bulletin) -- GARDNER (Mike) COWLES, publisher of Look and Quick, met a number of OPCers here when he recently addressed the Foreign Correspondents' Club off-the-record. His Honolulu relaxation trip had turned into a newspaperman's survey there and in Korea, Japan, Formosa, Hong Kong and India. Mrs. Cowles was with him on his travels. Those present included HENRY L. LIEBERMAN, STANLEY RICH, EDWARD HUNTER, and ARTHUR DOAK

BARNETT, all OPC Members.

Governor Sir Alexander Grantham addressed the club at a full-dress dinner a few weeks earlier, when his frank recital of Hong Kong government policy created a favorable impression. LIEBERMAN showed his virtuoso side in between assignments with an impromptu midnight violin solo. Very soulful.

Hong Kong's correspondents, anxious to find out what makes Chinese minds tick the way they do, heard a top psychiatrist address them at a club dinner. He was Dr. P. M. Yapp, of Hong Kong's Mental Hospital, who explained how the reserve in which Chinese are brought up has broken out in the neurotic self-confession spree which the Peiping red regime has developed as a police tactic...Chang Kuo-sin, UP, is slowly proceeding with his lawsuit against the Communist Wen Wei Pao. One lawyer, after sitting on the case for a month, withdrew. He discovered it was a "controversial" matter! Meanwhile, a Chinese writer named Chen Han-po has been assassinated here in what appears to be an obvious Communist murder. He dared write articles and pamphlets exposing his experiences among the Reds on the Chinese mainland. He broke precedent by signing his real name. This killing took place two days after the British deported a number of the most active red operators in the movie colony.--(EDWARD HUNTER).

JAKARTA DATELINE: -- (Special to The Bulletin) -- New OPC Member ARNOLD (Brack) BRACKMAN is the only American citizen who is a resident correspondent in all Indonesia, a touchy subject with Indonesian government authorities. "Brack", who has been through the various revolutions that led to Indonesia's gaining sovereignty, was formerly UP -- now NANA, Sydney Gerald, Singapore Standard, etc....

Another young newspaperman worth watching is Richard Hafner, doing sparetime free-lancing for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, etc., who intends to return to the U.S. in about a year and launch a weekly with an international outlook. He's the only American student in Indonesia -- at Gadja Mada College in the revolutionary capital of Jodjakarta.

At Jakarta, Indonesia's capital, formerly called Batavia, a Foreign Correspondents' Club is composed of fulltime qualified representatives of foreign newspapers or radio abroad. Chairman is Otto W. Gobius, U., and members include Robert Kronn and Edward Tan (AP). Both have praiseworthy wartime underground records in Holland, Tan in Southeast Asia. Press here is slanted very pro-Red and anti-US, with a few valiant exceptions.--(EDWARD HUNTER).

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FREEDOM OF PRESS COMMITTEE)
RECEIVES CLARIFICATION)
OF WAR CORRESPONDENT STATUS)

What could have become a storm-in-a-teacup was quietly resolved in an exchange of correspondence recently between the OPC's Freedom of Press & Information Committee and the U.S. Department of Defense. At issue was a statement from

Senator Pat McCarran which said that "the new code of military justice makes war correspondents 'subject to court martial'." The Nevada Democrat further declared that if a correspondent is arrested under the military code, "he cannot be admitted to bond or brought before a grand jury for indictment. Nor does he have any unrestricted right of appeal." McCarran added that "I hope that members of the press will read these regulations carefully, so they will get some idea of what they may be up against if their duties take them afield with the armed forces."

At the request of Member JACK HOOLEY of Station WHAM-TV, Rochester, N.Y., the Club investigated the matter through the Press Freedom Committee. Chairman BRUNO SHAW wrote the Defense Secretary, asking clarification of Senator McCarran's statement. A reply indicated that what had been described as a danger to the freedom of the press was a statute which had been in effect since 1775. As SHAW explained to HOOLEY, after receipt of a letter from C. Herschel Schooley, Chief of the Defense Department's Press Branch, "the one thing the new military regulations do, to make sure that correspondents have some additional protection, is to insure that the punishment (court martial) regulations will apply only in areas 'designed by the Secretary of Defense' in time of war, outside the United States. Even until now, Korea has not been designated as such an area."

Schooley, who replied to SHAW with a detailed three-page letter, was said to have written a "fully satisfactory" explanation in view of the McCarran charges.

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New York Times Promotion man IRVIN TAUBKIN vacationing in Florida ... Thanks to a cleverly-worded brochure adorned with a red cover a reproduction of the Picasso peace dove, Italian Communists recently aided the circulation of information prepared by the USIS in Rome, according to ARTHUR REEF who helped draft the booklet. The propaganda dupe was reported in a recent AP dispatch from Rome ...

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A profile of Father MAX JORDAN, NCWC Service correspondent in Geneva and only priest in OPC, appeared in last week's The Catholic News, New York archdiocese weekly Italian tourist publications have reprinted a survey on the Italian hotel industry, by JOSEPH ROSAPEPE and wife Dorothy Carew, which appeared in the December issue of Travel News, publication of the American Society-Travel Agents.

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DAVID DARAH leaves Paris on the Ile de France and will arrive in New York March 3rd. Will be at the Times Square Hotel for about two weeks, stateside for about two months.

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DON'T FORGET to use the return postcard to list names of people who should be added to the OPC's annual dinner list, which are being expanded, as usual every year, prior to the dinner.

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